

**STANDING ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER  
FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION BY ALABAMA LICENSED PHARMACISTS  
AND/OR REGISTERED PHARMACY INTERNS, EXTERNS, AND TECHNICIANS**

**I. PURPOSE**

This Standing Order is intended to ensure that vaccines known to prevent disease are readily obtainable.

**II. AUTHORITY**

This Standing Order is issued to further the disease prevention activities of the Alabama Department of Public Health as identified in Ala. Code §§ 22-2-2, 22-2-8, and 22-11A-1, et seq.

**III. AUTHORIZATION**

This Standing Order may be used as a prescription for persons 19 years of age and older to obtain the vaccines set out in section IV from a pharmacy. This order may further be used by Alabama licensed pharmacists, and registered pharmacy interns, externs, or technicians to the extent permitted by federal or state law, to administer vaccines when complying with the directions set out in section V.

**IV. ORDER**

Vaccines may be administered for the following diseases based upon screening criteria to include age, location, lifestyle, travel, health conditions, and vaccination history:

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| - Chickenpox (Varicella)              | - Meningococcal                     |
| - COVID-19                            | - Mumps                             |
| - Diphtheria                          | - Pneumococcal                      |
| - Flu (Influenza)                     | - Polio (Poliomyelitis)             |
| - Hepatitis A                         | - RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) |
| - Hepatitis B                         | - Rubella (German Measles)          |
| - Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) | - Shingles (Herpes Zoster)          |
| - HPV (Human Papillomavirus)          | - Tetanus (Lockjaw)                 |
| - Measles                             | - Whooping Cough (Pertussis)        |

**V. DIRECTIONS**

To utilize this order:

1. Vaccines must be stored in accordance with manufacturer directions.

2. Vaccines must be administered in accordance with manufacturer directions by:
  - (a) a pharmacist licensed by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy; or
  - (b) an intern or extern registered by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy; or
  - (c) a pharmacy technician, acting under the direct supervision of an Alabama licensed pharmacist, registered by the Alabama Board of Pharmacy.
3. All individuals authorized to administer vaccines must have satisfied the Alabama Board of Pharmacy's immunization training requirements.
4. Interns, externs, and pharmacy technicians are authorized to administer vaccines only as permitted by federal or state law.
5. Individuals (or their legal representatives) must be offered Vaccine Information Statements prior to vaccine being administered.
6. All administered vaccines must be recorded in ImmPRINT.

**VI. EXPIRATION AND REVIEW**

This Standing Order, subject to updates as needed, will remain in effect until December 31, 2025.



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